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SUMMARY: SEPT 24 AHAM BANNERS EGYPTIAN DRAFT RESOLUTION TO
UNGA ON SETTLEMENTS AND GIVES ITS MAIN POINTS. FAHMY IS NO 2
STORY IN OTHER DAILIES WHICH STRESS CLOSENESS OF U.S. AND GOE
POSITIONS AND CARTER'S DETERMINATION TO PRESSURE ISRAEL. JAVITS
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SAID TO GIVE SENATE OK TO NEW MILITARY COOPERATION. MOUSTAFA
AMIN LISTS ENEMIES OF PEACE AND EXPRESSES EGYPTIAN BITTERNESS
WITH THEM. MEDIA TREATMENT AGAIN RAISING PUBLIC EXPECTATIONS
THAT U.S. WILL TAKE POSITIVE ACTIONS SOON, BUT ATTITUDE OF
OUR CONTACTS RANGES FROM FRUSTRATED CYNICISM TO SKEPTICAL
HOPEFULNESS. END SUMMARY.

1. UNGA RESOLUTION. AHAM REPORTS FAHMY REQUESTED U.S. SUPPORT FOR DRAFT RESOLUTION ON ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS THAT EGYPT PRESENTING TO UNGA. FAHMY'S ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK TO BEGIN CONSULTATIONS TO PROMOTE RESOLUTION NOTED. AHAM CLAIMS THAT RESOLUTION, BASED ON ARAB LEAGUE COUNCIL DECISION. MAKES FOLLOWING POINTS: ILLEGALITY OF ISRAELI ACTION; ACTIONS OBSTACLE TO PEACE; CONDEMNATION OF ISRAELI(S) PERSISTENCE IN ESTABLISHING SETTLEMENTS AND ENFORCING ISRAELI LAW IN WEST BANK AND GAZA; DEMANDING ISRAEL RESCIND ALL THESE MEASURES AND DESIST IN FUTURE; UN MEMBER STATES "DESIST FROM RECOGNITION ISRAELI MEASURES AND FROM GIVING AID AND SUPPORT OF ILLEGAL COOPERATION AND EXPLOITATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES, INCLUDING OIL, IN OCCUPIED LANDS"; THAT SECRETARY GENERAL INFORM SECURITY COUNCIL AND ISRAEL OF UNGA RESOLUTION AND REPORT BACK TO UNGA BY END OF NOVEMBER; AND THAT UNSC RECONSIDER SITUATION IN LIGHT OF RESOLUTION AND SYG REPORT IN ORDER TAKE ALL NECESSARY ACTIONS IN EVENT ISRAEL REFUSES TO IMPLEMENT RESOLUTION.

2. U.S. SUPPORT. PRESIDENT CARTER REPORTEDLY TOLD FAHMY FORMALLY THAT U.S. WILL USE ALL ITS WEIGHT TO PURSUE SETTLEMENT, INCLUDING ON AMERICAN PUBLIC OPINION, CONGRESS AND JEWISH-AMERICAN OPINION. GUMHURIYYA REPORTS PAGE 1 THAT UK HAS RECEIVED CARTER'S ASSURANCES THAT U.S. WILL NOT ALLOW SITUATION IN MIDDLE EAST TO DETERIORATE AND WILL PRESS ISRAEL TO STOP INTERVENTION IN SOUTHERN LEBANON. AT FAHMY'S MEETING WITH FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE, SENATOR JAVITS REPORTEDLY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ANNOUNCED THAT MAJORITY U.S. SENATORS SUPPORT MILITARY AID TO EGYPT INCLUDING C130'S AND REFURBISHING SOVIET AIRCRAFT. CARTER AND FAHMY TO MEET AGAIN IN WASHINGTON EARLY OCTOBER.

3. COMMENTARY. AHAM EXAMINES ISRAEL'S TOTAL ISOLATION IN INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AND SAYS LOGICAL RESPONSE IS FOR UNSC TO PASS RESOLUTION SUPPLEMENTING 242 IN WHICH PALESTINIANS TREATED NOT AS REFUGEES BUT AS POLITICAL PROBLEM. SUCH A RESOLUTION WOULD BE FIRMLY BASED IN PREVIOUS UN RESOLUTIONS. AKHBAR EL YOM'S CHIEF EDITOR MUSTAFA AMIN EXHIBITS PESSIMISM BECAUSE ENEMIES OF PEACE ARE MORE NUMEROUS THAN ITS SUPPORTERS AND HE LISTS THEM (A) ARAB GOVERNMENTS, WHO HAVE USED WAR TO MUZZLE THEIR PEOPLE AND WHO COULD NOT REMAIN IN POWER 24 HOURS IF FREEDOM WERE TO COME; (B) ISRAEL, WHICH NEEDS DONATIONS FROM WORLD JEWRY AND U.S. MILITARY AID AND THEREFORE KEEPS WAR THREAT ALIVE; (C) USSR WHICH HAS NO INTEREST IN PEACE SINCE COMMUNISM FEEDS ON DISORDER AND INSTABILITY AND BECAUSE WITH PEACE ARABS WOULD NO LONGER NEED MASSIVE ARMS SUPPLIES AND WOULD ENJOY BETTER RELATIONS WITH U.S. BECAUSE "ONLY REASON FOR HOSTILITY BETWEEN ARABS AND U.S. WAS U.S. STAND IN FAVOR OF ISRAEL", USSR WOULD ALSO NOT WISH TO SEE EGYPT RELIEVED OF ITS ONEROUS WAR BURDEN; AND (D) ENEMIES WITHIN EGYPT WHO VIEW FREEDOM

AS SERIOUS THREAT TO THEIR HOPES TO
RESTORE DESPOTIC RULE AND TURN BACK THE CLOCK IN EGYPT.
AMIN CONCLUDES THAT THOSE WHO DO NOT WANT PEACE ALSO DO
NOT WANT WAR. THEY ONLY WANT THAT EGYPT SHOULD FIGHT ON
THEIR BEHALF, THAT EGYPT STARVE FOR THEM TO LIVE AND
EGYPT FIRE THE GUNS WHILE THEY RAISE SLOGANS.

4. COMMENT: MEDIA TREATMENT INCREASINGLY POSITIVE,
PARTICULARLY REGARDING IDENTITY OF U.S. AND GOE VIEWS AND
DETERMINATION CARTER ADMINISTRATION TO TAKE POSITIVE
ACTIONS SOON. OUR CONTACTS HOWEVER, EXHIBIT CONSIDERABLY
MORE SKEPTICISM ABOUT ANY EARLY BREAKTHROUGH ON PEACE PROCESS.
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